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Memorandum



To : ADIC, NEW YORK

Date 1/3/84

From : SAC THOMAS L. SHEER, DIV. II

Subject : STAR CHAMBER

BACKGROUND

The NYO Organized Crime intelligence base indicates a common area of interest between and among the LCN families. The construction trade industry and related unions are a common source of income for these criminal groups. The control of the cement industry as well as the laborers union give the LCN total domination and control of construction throughout the New York area. Investigations have shown that the various families share equally in the proceeds of the various construction profits and labor racketeering schemes. Investigation has also indicated that the conflicts that arise concerning construction matters result in "commission" meetings between the bosses and their representatives.

There are several ongoing investigations of Organized Crime control of labor and the construction industry. They are:

ANTHONY SALERNO, ET AL (NR-5)
RICO

This investigation indicates that GENOVESE family boss SALERNO has a great deal of control over the construction trades industry and related unions. SALERNO makes decisions on a daily basis concerning these matters and indications are that his control is shared with PAUL CASTELLANO.

LOUIS FOCERI, ET AL (M-5)
RICO

FOCERI, who is a LUCHESE soldier under CHRISTOPHER FURNARI, through investigation, has shown that through FOCERI's control of a laborers union, that extortion schemes for labor peace are ongoing.

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GENUS STARSTRUCK (M-8)

The STARSTRUCK investigation is focused on the COLOMBO family control of Laborers Local 6A by RALPH SCOPO, a known COLOMBO member. SCOPO is also using this position to extort construction contracts. [REDACTED]
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CASTAWAYS (BQ-5)

This investigation has provided extensive information that PAUL CASTELLANO has extensive control in the cement industry as well as various construction trade unions.

FIVE STAR (M-10)

Information has been developed through Title-III coverage [REDACTED]

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This investigation has as its objective to pull together all evidence of the "commission" as a criminal enterprise.

These investigations each of which is significant in and of itself, show the rampant control of the construction trades and unions by the LCN.

MISSION

The mission of the New York Organized Crime Branch is to remove the influence of the LCN in the construction trades and unions.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To develop an integrated action plan to maximize all relevant information concerning this problem.
- 2) To identify all potential targets to be investigated.
- 3) To develop probable cause and evidence against those individuals involved.

ACTION PLAN

- 1) On a weekly basis, until further notice, the supervisors and case agents of investigations supra will meet to review status of investigations.
- 2) New targets will be developed to support the continued probe into the LCN control of this industry.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The code name STAR CHAMBER will be utilized as an umbrella for this investigation. The SALERNO, FOCERI, and FIVE STAR investigations will use STAR CHAMBER code name in their title. New investigations developed will also use this code as appropriate.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

The Coordinating Supervisor [redacted] will coordinate the investigative activities with each supervisor.

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It is to be recognized that each investigation is part of an overall project and are not independent of each other.

The opening of any additional investigations must be done with the approval of the Coordinating Supervisor.

Discussions with the prosecutors concerning investigative direction must have the approval of the Coordinating Supervisor.

All technical and physical surveillance will be coordinated through the Coordinating Supervisor in conjunction with the Special Operations Chief.

AGENDA STAR CHAMBER

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I. Opening Remarks - ASAC [REDACTED]

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II. Investigations

1. SALERNO - Supervisor [REDACTED]
2. SCOPO - Supervisor [REDACTED]
3. FOCERI - Supervisor [REDACTED]
4. CASTAWAYS - Supervisor [REDACTED]
5. FIVE STAR - Supervisor [REDACTED]

III. Investigative Plan - CS [REDACTED]

IV. Investigative Targets

V. Summary

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STARCEAMER; CO: - NY

THE STARCHAMER PROJECT WAS INITIATED AT NEW YORK IN ORDER TO
COORDINATE VARIOUS INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY AGAINST THE
LCN FAMILIES AT NEW YORK. THIS PROJECT HAS THE FOLLOWING
OBJECTIVES:

- 1) TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE OF THE CONTROL OF THE LABORERS

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INTERNATIONAL UNION

2) TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE OF THE "COMMISSION" AS A GOVERNING BODY OF THE LCN.

3) TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE OF THE CONTROL OF THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES INDUSTRY BY THE FIVE LCN FAMILIES.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THIS OVERALL STARCHAMBER PROJECT. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION IS BEING SET FORTH FOR FBIHQ:

1) CASTAWAYS - 183-2139 - BQ-5

THIS INVESTIGATION IS TARGETTED AGAINST THE GAMBINO LCN AS A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. PART OF THE EVIDENCE DEVELOPED REFLECTS THE CONTROL OF THE CONSTRUCTION TRADE UNION AND THE CEMENT AND CONCRETE INDUSTRY BY THE GAMBINO LCN FAMILY.

2) GENUS - STAR QUEST - 183-2636 - M-8

THIS INVESTIGATION IS CENTERED AROUND THE COLOMBO FAMILY CONTROL OF VARIOUS LIUNA LOCALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RUN BY COLOMBO FAMILY CAPO RALPH SCOPO. TITLE-III COVERAGE ON [REDACTED] PRESENTLY BEING EXPANDED.

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3) STARCHAMBER- SALERNO - 183-2826 - NR-5

THIS HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CASTELLANO AND SALERNO CONTROL VARIOUS LIUNA LOCALS AS WELL AS THE MAJOR CEMENT COMPANIES IN NEW YORK.

4) STAR - MIX - 183A-3218 - M-6

THIS INVESTIGATION IS INSTITUTED TO UNCOVER THE CONTROL OF THE CEMENT INDUSTRY BY THE LCN. IT IS TARGETTED AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO IS CONTROLLED BY SALERNO AND

CASTELLANO.

5) MATTHEW IANIELLO - 183-2814 - M-6

IANIELLO MEETS WITH SALERNO ON A WEEKLY BASIS. HE HAS ADMITTED
BID RIGGING ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IANIELLO SHARES HIS PROFITS WITH ANTHONY SALERNO. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IN
[REDACTED] CONTROL OF CONTRACTS FOR THIS PROJECT RESTS
WITH SALERNO AND IANIELLO.

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6) STARCHAMBER - [REDACTED] - 183-3179 - M-5

[REDACTED] IS A MEMBER OF THE LUCHESE LCN FAMILY AND AN
[REDACTED] EVIDENCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH
INDICATES [REDACTED] LUCHESE LCN CAPO CHRISTOPHER
FURNARI, IS USING HIS POSITION TO EXTORT CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES.
TITLE-III COVERAGE IS BEING DEVELOPED AGAINST [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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7) JOHN "BUSTER" ARDITO - 183-3180 - NR-5.

ARDITO, WHO IS A GENOVESE CAPO, APPEARS TO EXERT EXTENSIVE CONTROL OF CONSTRUCTION TRADES INDUSTRY IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT. TITLE-III COVERAGE HAS BEEN INSTITUTED [REDACTED] WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS COVERAGE [REDACTED]
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✓ 8) FIVE STAR - 183-3150 - M-10

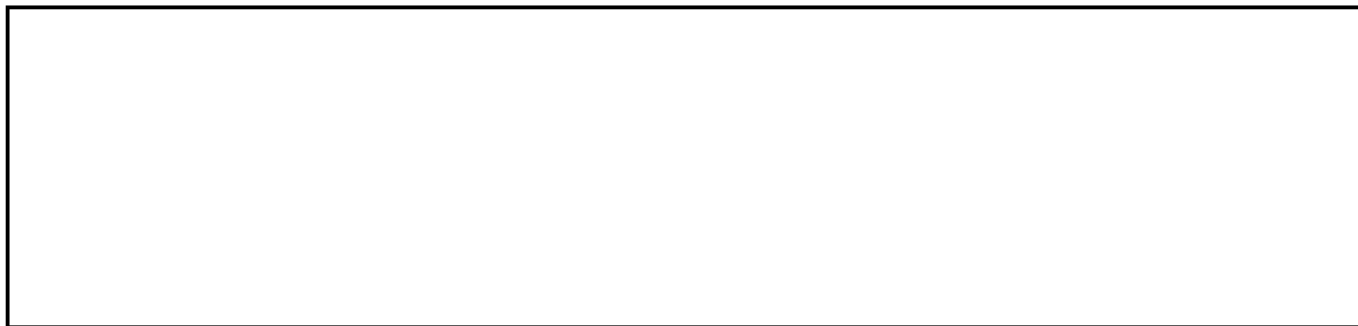
FIVE STAR INVESTIGATION RELATES TO THE COLLECTION OF ALL EXISTING EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE LCN "COMMISSION" AT NEW YORK. EVIDENCE TO DATE INCLUDES 25 INDIVIDUAL TAPE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS [REDACTED]
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IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, NEW YORK HAS INTERCEPTED CONVERSATIONS [REDACTED]
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IN ORDER TO COMPLETE NY'S PROJECT OF THE LIUNA LOCALS, SQUAD M-5 AT NY HAS INSTITUTED A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED DISCUSSING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE ABOVE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING CLOSELY COORDINATED THROUGH WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY FBIHQ.

ON FEBRUARY 2, 1984, IN A STARCHAMBER MEETING AT NEW YORK, THE NEWARK DIVISION ADVISED TAHT THEY WERE DEVELOPING AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION FOCUSED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF LIUNA LOCALS IN NEW JERSEY

CONTROLLED BY THE DE CALVACANTE BOSS JOHN RIGGI, THE FOCUS OF WHICH SHOULD PARALLEL THE NY INVESTIGATION.

THE ABOVE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING CLOSELY COORDINATED AND FBIHQ WILL BE APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON AN ONGOING BASIS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ON FEBRUARY 4, 1984, THE INVESTIGATIVE STRATEGY OF THIS PROJECT WAS PRESENTED TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RUDOLPH GIULIANI AND STAFF AS WELL AS EASTERN DISTRICT STRIKE FORCE. MR. GIULIANI OFFERED CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THESE EFFORTS.

FBIHQ WILL BE APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON AN ONGOING BASIS.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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New York, NY 10278

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Rudolph Giuliani
United States Attorney
One St. Andrew's Plaza
New York, NY 10007

Attention: AUSA [redacted]

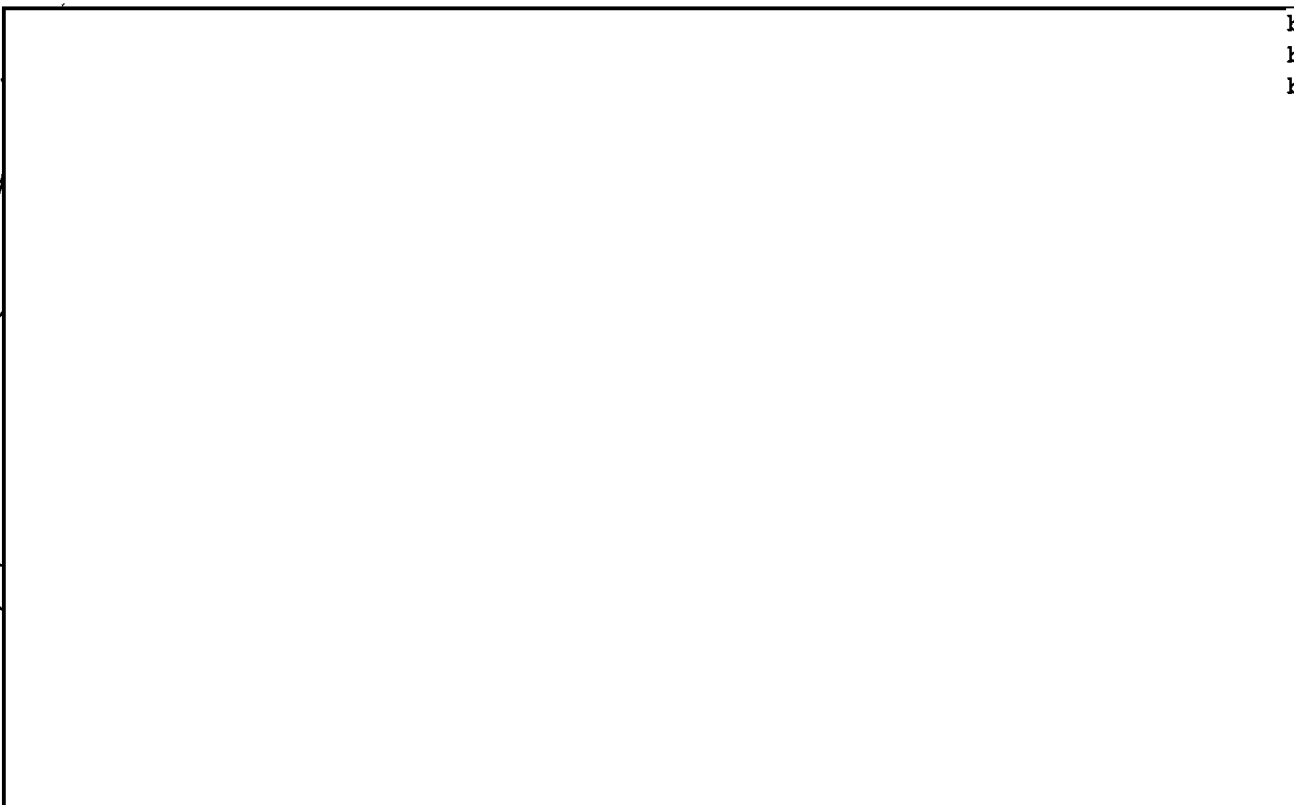
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Dear [redacted]

Enclosed for your information are transcripts, cassette recordings, and summaries relative to various investigations conducted by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

These transcripts, cassette recordings and summaries are to assist in the investigation relating to the "Commission".

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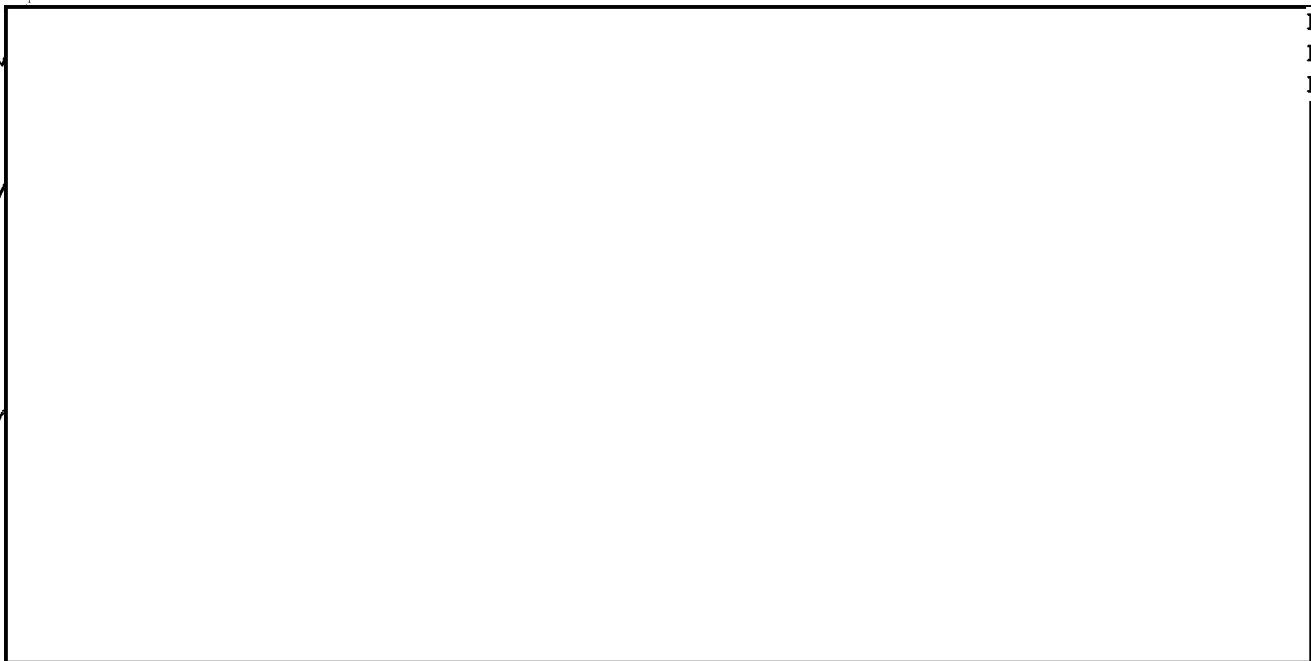
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

LEE F. LASTER
Assistant Director in Charge

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Supervisor

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Memorandum



To : SAC, NEW YORK (183A-3150)

Date 5/7/84

From : SA [redacted] (M-10)

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Subject : FIVE STAR
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On 5/3/84, writer obtained the attached from
AUSA [redacted] SDNY.

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The attached is updated information relating
to possible predicate violations to date regarding the
prosecution of the "LCN COMMISSION".

(1) - (183A3150) (enc. 1)
1 - Supv. [redacted] (M-10)
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